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The reply filed on January 26, 2004 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): the applicant has not properly elected a single disclosed species. The applicant, for example, elects both the subspecies wherein the energy is supplied to each assembly simultaneously, and the subspecies wherein the energy is supplied to each assembly at different times. These subspecies would appear to be mutually exclusive and therefore not electable together in a single embodiment (see paragraph 2 of the previous Office Action). The applicant further states that the examiner has not defined species from which to choose. Due to the large number of possible embodiments, it is not practical to list each and every possible combination of subspecies. The examiner merely listed the subspecies as a guide to the applicant so that the applicant could elect a single disclosed species from the plethora of subspecies. The applicants may if they choose, make a list of all possible species disclosed and pick one (with each species comprising a number of subspecies as discussed in the previous Office Action. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kennedy Schaeetzle whose telephone number is 703 308-2211. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9:30-6:00. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Angela Sykes can be reached on 703 308-5181. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).


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